Ransome Patent Inkwell

De La Rue & Co.

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Height: 7.5 cm (3")

Width: 6.5 cm (2.6")

Depth: 2.5 cm (1")

Description

This Ransome Patent Inkwell has a mahogany frame to the white metal inkwell centre.

The inkwell is stamped Ransome's Patent and De La Rue & Co. to one side with the operating instruction Push to the other. The middle metal section is pushed out from its mahogany frame and will then slide along to be fixed in the upright position at a right angle to the frame which forms its base. The design was very clever and a good space saver with the inkwell's lid securely shut for travel.

Ransome's were known for manufacturing agricultural equipment but De La Rue had a very good reputation as stationers and so the ideal people to market the inkwell. The Army and Navy CSL were one of the companies to sell the inkwell and it was available in 3 different sizes. This is the medium sized inkwell but it would seem that the smallest size was the most popular as they appear more often. Early 20th century.

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